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Re the Application of:

Annti HAMUNEN et al

Art Unit: 1616

Application No.: 09/926,397

Examiner: Barbara P. Badio, Ph.D.

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 18, 2003

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 18, 2003, the time period for responding being extended for three months from September 18, 2003 to December 18, 2003 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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